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What is claimed is:

1. A method of providing a User Plan location based service to a roaming wireless device, comprising:
 - 5 establishing a roaming interface between a home LCS manager of a home wireless carrier network and a visited LCS manager of a currently visited wireless carrier network;
 - directing IP connectivity over the Internet capable of being transmitted through a firewall in said home wireless carrier network and
 - 10 through a firewall in said visited wireless carrier network; and
 - providing a message tunneling mechanism to provide an uninterrupted communication path between a location service system and a wireless device being located.
- 15 2. The method of providing a User Plan location based service to a roaming wireless device according to claim 1, wherein said roaming wireless device comprises:
 - a mobile telephone.
- 20 3. The method of providing a User Plan location based service to a roaming wireless device according to claim 1, wherein said roaming wireless device comprises:
 - a personal data assistant (PDA) device.
- 25 4. The method of providing a User Plan location based service to a roaming wireless device according to claim 1, wherein said roaming wireless device comprises:
 - a wireless email device.

5. The method of providing a User Plan location based service to a roaming wireless device according to claim 1, wherein said roaming wireless device comprises:

a wireless device including a camera.

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6. Apparatus for providing a User Plan location based service to a roaming wireless device, comprising:

means for establishing a roaming interface between a home LCS manager of a home wireless carrier network and a visited LCS manager of a currently visited wireless carrier network;

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means for directing IP connectivity over the Internet capable of being transmitted through a firewall in said home wireless carrier network and through a firewall in said visited wireless carrier network; and

means for providing a message tunneling mechanism to provide an uninterrupted communication path between a location service system and a wireless device being located.

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7. The apparatus for providing a User Plan location based service to a roaming wireless device according to claim 6, wherein said roaming wireless device comprises:

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a mobile telephone.

8. The apparatus for providing a User Plan location based service to a roaming wireless device according to claim 6, wherein said roaming wireless device comprises:

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a personal data assistant (PDA) device.

9. The apparatus for providing a User Plan location based service to a roaming wireless device according to claim 6, wherein said roaming wireless device comprises:

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a wireless email device.

10. The apparatus for providing a User Plan location based service to a roaming wireless device according to claim 6, wherein said roaming wireless device comprises:

5 a wireless device including a camera.